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Greater Sacramento Area Couples

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Anniversaries

Feb. 1	Mike and Pat's 2nd
Feb. 5	Jan and Pat's 17th
Feb. 8	Jim and Ron's 20th
Feb. 14	Connie and Page's 2nd
Feb. 15	Filipe and Roger's 27th

Birthdays

Feb. 3	Alice, of Nancy
Feb. 8	Ken, of Mark
Feb. 13	Donna, of June
Feb. 20	Cindy, of Sharon
Feb. 22	Lou, of Pat
Feb. 28	Pat, of Barb

Welcome New Members

⇒GSAC welcomes our new members Nancy and Carol. We look forward to you joining us soon.

PAST FESTIVITIES

During the last general meeting, we were treated to a presentation of the upcoming National Couples Anniversary celebration in San Francisco. Very tempting!

Gayland The weekend of Dec 17-18, 1994, Ida and Sue, with John and Marty, embarked on an adventure to glitzy L.A. to experience "Gay Disneyland". On Saturday night, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Disneyland was closed to the general public and became "Gayland". There was at least 7,000 of us frolicking in the night. We rode the rides, shopped the shops, devoured plenty of food, and "camped it up"!! (you should see Marty in curlers and Sue as a blonde!) This is a yearly event that we recommend to anyone who enjoys Disneyland.

GSAC's Hollywood Review

The reviews are in on the on-air performance of David & Scott, and Sue & Ida on the local program *Being Gay Today*. Both couples represented our group in a very positive manner. Excellent job!

UPCOMING EVENTS

It's a Food Thing!

On Saturday, March 11th, the theme of the GSAC meeting will be an International Pot Luck. Utilizing a method successful in the past, you will each receive a recipe in your March newsletter to prepare and bring to the meeting. The recipes will be worldwide in scope, and over everything from hors d'oeuvres to main dishes (OK, we won't have anyone doing a soup, too hard to transport!). If you don't care to prepare the recipe that you receive, get in touch with the coordinators of the event, whose names will appear in the March newsletter, so that a change can be made.

Lambda Players Presents

Baby With the Bathwater

We're going to the theater. Once again GSAC ventures to the theater on February 18th at 8:00 p.m., 2791 24th Street, off Broadway. "Durang comes through with his visual raucous and irreverent style as he attacks our views of 'traditional values'. Hysteria is the tie that binds this dysfunctional little family together! Momma, Poppa, Baby... and Nanny promise to offer a night at the theatre you won't ever forget". We are able to get a great deal at $8.00 per seat ($4.00 off). Al and Juan will have tickets available at the February General Meeting or feel free to call them to make reservations at 723-8644.

GSAC's Valentines Party and Anniversary

❤On February 11th at 7:00 p.m. GSAC will be kicking off the 4th annual Valentine's dance and party. Not only is this Valentine's, but it's also GSAC's 4th anniversary. We're getting older and we're getting better. There will be music, dancing, and munchies. Please bring your sweetie, a favorite cassette or CD, and an appetizer (no sweets please, GSAC will provide those). This proves year after year to be one of our best meetings. Pictures will also be taken if you wish to have your 1995 valentines capture on film. A $5 donation to GSAC is requested for the picture. However, it is totally refundable if you do not like the quality. See you there.

Upcoming Calendar

We hope you can be with us soon and help in planning or hosting one of the events:

Feb 11	Sacramento Men's Chorus & Camellia Symphony (a Non-GSAC event)
Feb 11	Valentines Party and Dance & GSAC's 4th Anniversary
Feb 18	Lambda Play *Baby With the Bathwater*
Feb 25	Cross Country Skiing Contact Don & Ken
Mar 11	GSAC General Meeting International Potluck
Mar 25	Bus Trip to Tahoe (save those nickels)

BOARD NEWS

GSAC and AVALON

Avalon is a new AIDS hospice for the Sacramento area. Operated by the Aids Housing Alliance, Avalon's purpose is to provide a home-like, humane, and caring alternative to hospitalization for people in the last stages of AIDS. The facility has six bedrooms and provides meals, 24 hour attendant care, access to AIDS service providers, medications and medical equipment.

Opening in February, Avalon is in desperate need of all the things that make a house a home. The wish list is very long, including items for the bedroom, kitchen, and bath, as well as office, janitorial and general household supplies. As with all facilities of this nature, cash for miscellaneous expenses is also tight.

At the January meeting, the membership of GSAC decided to work with Avalon to provide necessary supplies during 1995, similar to the 1994 canned food drive. Each month we will focus on a different area of need. Both supplies (either new or used, in good condition) and money will be accepted at each GSAC membership meeting and delivered monthly. For February, please bring kitchen items. The wish list includes pots, pans, dishes, a blender, glasses, knives, utensils, mugs, silverware, a food processor, storage containers, and any other items you think would be useful. (Used items in good condition are acceptable.)

Board Meeting

The new 1995 Operating Committee will be meeting on February 5th. All members are invited and welcome. Please contact Don and Ken at 924-0494 for the location and time.

♥ Paul Starr-Fuhr ♥

In Loving Memory

➥Paul passed away from complications related to AIDS on January 4th, 1995. Last year Paul and Mike (members of GSAC for a couple of years) moved to Orange County. Paul was very involved in the gay community here in Sacramento. He was a member of the Men's Chorus, one of the founders and president for two years, of the Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, and dedicated to the MCC church. He and Mike also helped with various events in GSAC. Just last year, Paul was honored as the gay California veteran of the year. Paul will be missed by many of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A celebration service of Paul's life will be held on February 11 at 2:00 pm at the MCC church. Mike has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Lambda Community Fund, or AIDS Services for Hand to Hand Project.

Notes from the Editor

➤Alert - Saturday, Jan 14, at the GSAC general meeting, someone brought Rice Krispy Treats that were just wonderful! Whoever brought them, please send the recipe to the newsletter couple. We have had numerous requests. Also, whoever made the Pumpkin Cheesecake for the Thanksgiving feast - we would like to publish its recipe also. Send them to PO Box 860 Sacramento 95812.

Child care

If any GSAC members are not attending the general meeting due to a lack of childcare, Margie and Elaine are the ones to call at 726-3579 They are trying to determine if there is enough interest to warrant trying to set up childcare for those members with children. This service will potentially be available during general meetings only!

New Activities Couple

➡Ken and Don are the new Activities Couple. Ken moved to Sacramento from Phoenix, Arizona, where he volunteered for the local lesbian/gay phone line, and was a board member for the Desert Valley Squares dancing group. Don moved to Sacramento from San Jose, California where he was director and board member of the lesbian/gay community center. Since moving to Sacramento, both have been active in the community. Don sings with men's chorus; Ken dances with the Prime8's square dance group. As some of you may remember, Ken , along with his late partner, Bob, founded GSAC in November, 1991. They promise to keep us all informed of upcoming GSAC events and community events of general interest, but they really need your help. If you have any suggestions for events or an activity that they can plan for a meeting, please give them a call at 624-8890. Now is the time to get involved in you group. This is a very demanding job, and although we are sure that Ken and Don will handle it well, they would appreciate any help offered.

Ken and Don wish to give a special thanks (as do all of us) to Gil and Bruce, for all their hard work as last year's Activity Couple. They did a SUPER job!

OOPS!

➤Our thanks to all those couples who inquired about our health after the car accident we were experiencing during the last general meeting. We are both fine, though Mandie is still stiff and sore. Hopefully, the Prizm ("Our brand new, paid for car!") will be fixed within a few weeks. We do regret that our bag of games, pictures, and goodies did not reach the meeting, but we know that you understand.

Lisa and Mandie

About the Christmas Pictures

As you may recall, as a fund raiser for GSAC, pictures were taken by me, Mandie, at the Christmas party. Some of these pictures were damaged (the roll of film was accidentally washed!) before processing. The pictures did turn out, but they are not up to the standards that I have set for my portraits. So, if you are not satisfied, even if yours were not damaged, I am offering you a full refund of the $5.00 that you paid for your pictures. The pictures and your refund will be available at the February meeting. I had them ready for the January meeting, but Lisa and I were not able to attend (see above). Sorry for the delay. A picture booth will be set up for the Valentine's meeting also; $5.00 for a group of three pictures.

Statement of Purpose

Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) is an affiliate member of Couples National Network, Inc. Couples National Network's founding principle is providing social, educational, and humanitarian outreach to persons participating in lesbian or gay relationships. We do not have any specific religious, or political affiliations. Our interest is in supporting the positive aspects of our relationships and the sense of stability that they represent for our community and lifestyle.

GSAC Committee Couples for 1995

Please call any of these couples if you desire more information about GSAC. You can also write to GSAC at Post Office Box 861, Sacramento CA 95812-0861.

Chair Couple	Al and Juan	Phone: (916) 723-8644
Vice Chair Couple	Ida and Sue	Phone: (916) 689-1927
Finance Couple	Nina and Sonya	Phone: (916) 726-3992
Newsletter Couple	Lisa and Mandie	Phone: (916) 683-2298
Publicity Couple	David and Scott	Phone: (916) 783-9126
Membership Couple	Elaine and Margie	Phone: (916) 726-3579
Activities Couple	Don and Ken	Phone: (916) 924-8890

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Dues and Costs of Attending GSAC Events

GSAC couples pay dues of $5 per month (paid semi-annually) to cover the costs of the newsletter, meeting room, decorations, etc. As a result, regular monthly meetings and most events and functions, are free to members. Non-members and guests may be asked to contribute a nominal fee to attend some events. Such fees will be indicated in the event description in the monthly newsletter.

If you wish to join GSAC, please contact the Finance Couple. Dues are prorated to expire on a common date (either April 1 or October 1). Also, there is a $10 registration fee that covers personalized name tags for each new member.

Articles Printed in Newsletter

GSAC prohibits the use or reproduction of the contents of this newsletter without the written consent of GSAC or Couples National Network, Inc. Address any comments or articles for newsletter to the GSAC Media Couple, Post Office Box 861, Sacramento, CA 95812-0861.

GSAC's Mailing List and Your Privacy

GSAC does not assist in the dissemination of data on its members. It is the policy and the practice of GSAC and Couples National Network, Inc. neither to publish last names, addresses, or phone numbers of members, nor to release this information to anyone for any reason. Simply stated: We do not sell or give-away our membership list.

GSAC only uses first names in the monthly newsletter. We will not print your phone number in any article without prior approval. If you volunteer to host a function, we will not print your address in the newsletter. Rather, we will print the first names and telephone numbers (with prior approval) of the couple responsible for organizing the event. The organizing couple will give additional information and directions for the event.

Couples National Network -- Parent Organization and Affiliates

This listing of our parent organization and affiliates is current as of the date of this newsletter. Contact any of these affiliates if you will be visiting one of these cities.

Couples National Network, Inc., Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Sandy and Janice (619) 692-1574
Alamo Couples, Post Office Box 12446, San Antonio, TX 78212-2446
Contact Peggy and Frankie (210) 393-3323
Couples of Arizona, Post Office Box 7144, Phoenix, AZ 85011-7144
Contact Beth and Mary (602) 831-6432
Couples of San Diego, Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Ken and Ike (619) 286-3141
Couples of Metro Dallas, Post Office Box 803156, Dallas, TX 75380
Contact Davis and Arnold (214) 492-4606
Couples of Miami Valley, Post Office Box 14004, Dayton, OH 45414
Contact Jerry and Dale (513) 252-1625
Couples of San Francisco Bay Area, P.O Box 191745, San Francisco, CA 94119-1745
Contact Mark and Mike (415) 242-0319
Inland Empire Couples, Post Office Box 3033, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-3033
Contact Darryl and Rich (909) 466-6441
Los Angeles & Valley Area Couples, Post Office Box 6632, Burbank, CA 91510-6632

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mike & Pat's 2nd (1993)	2	3	4 3:00pm Men's Chorus & Camellia Symphony
5 2:00pm Oper. Comm Hosted by Don & Ken Jan & Pat's 17th (1978)	6	7 ◐ FQ	8 Jim & Ron's 20th (1975)	9	10	11 7:00pm Valentine's Party St. Francisis *
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Connie & Page (2nd) 1993 Valentine's Day	15 ○ FM Deadline for Newsletter Articles Filipe & Roger's 27th (1968)	16	17	18 8:00pm Lambda Players $8.00 Contact Al/Juan 723-8644
19	20 President's Day	21	22 ◑ LQ Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 X-Country Skiing w/ Outdoor Adventures
26	27	28				

* a GSAC event-non-members are asked to pay $3.00 per person

1/14/1995